

July 14, 2006

Existing regulations adopted by the Fish and Game Commission (Commission) provide authority to the Department of Fish and Game (Department) to close the commercial sector of the cabezon, greenling, and California sheephead fisheries when the allowable harvest levels are projected to be reached. At that time, the Department is required to notify the commercial nearshore fishery permittees of an upcoming closure via mail, and the Commission and the public via a press release at least 10 days in advance of the specified closure date.

- **This notification is to inform you effective 12:01 a.m. Tuesday, August 01, 2006, the commercial fishery for greenlings of the genus *Hexagrammos* (including kelp and rock greenling) will be closed for 2006** or until further notice, pursuant to Section 52.10, Title 14, California Code of Regulations.
- Based on projections from recent reported landings, the commercial allowable harvest of 3,400 pounds of greenlings for the calendar year 2006 will be taken by the closure date. The prohibition on the commercial possession and landing of these species will be in effect throughout the State of California.
- Through mid-July, the Department estimates approximately 3,000 pounds of commercial greenlings have been landed in 2006. Historically, catch rates increase in the summer months. Consequently, the Department is estimating the allowable harvest level will be reached in full by the specified closure date.
- If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Deb Wilson-Vandenberg of the Department's Marine Region at (9831) 649-2892.

Sincerely,

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